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BID ON MILITARY CANTONMENT

REF:WILEY LETTER OF 1/5/76 TO MAUGHAN

KUWAIT POUCH TO BAGHDAD

1. REGRET LACK OF FOLLOW UP REPORTING ON VISIT OF GOI
MINISTRY OF DEFENSE DELEGATION. THROUGH EFFORTS OF COMMERCE
AND STATE, DELEGATION WAS EXTENDED COURTESIES THROUGH
CUSTOMS IN CHICAGO AND REQUEST OF BLOUNT, DOD/OASD
APPROVED UNCLASSIFIED TOUR OF AIR UNIVERSITY (AU) AT MAX-
WELL AFB, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. THERE WAS NO OTHER CONTACT
WITH DELEGATION ON PART OF ANY USG OFFICIAL. BOTH
PERKINS AND WILL AND BLOUNT INC.WERE ADVISED THAT USG
WILLING TO MEET WITH IRAQIS IF THEY INDICATED INTEREST IN
DOING SO. APPARENTLY THEY NEVER DID.

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2. IN ADDITION TO COMPANIES' FACILITIES AND AU, DELEGATION

VISITED CAPE KENNEDY AND NIAGARA FALLS ESCORTED BY BLOUNT
OFFICERS. IRAQIS SPENT LAST DAY IN U.S. IN WASHINGTON ON
THEIR OWN, BUT DID NOT CONTACT USG.

3. BILL LORENZO, VICE PRESIDENT, BLOUNT INC., WAS IN
BAGHDAD LAST WEEK TO SUBMIT BLOUNT/PERKINS AND WILL
PROPOSAL. HE HAD TO LEAVE IRAQ DUE TO ILLNESS BEFORE
MAKING PLANNED CALL ON KILLOUGH. HE WILL MAKE AMENDS ON
NEXT VISIT. KISSINGER

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